

Pam Brokaw first to announce for County Commissioner job

Pam Bokaw, former chairman of the Clark County Democratic Party, today became the first person to announce candidacy for the Clark County Board of Commissioners post now held by **Betty Sue Morris**. Morris has said she will not run again.

Brokaw currently is executive director of Affordable Community Environments, a nonprofit organization providing affordable housing in Clark County.

Like Morris, Brokaw is a former newspaper reporter. She worked for both *The Columbian* and the *Oregonian*. In addition, Brokaw held administrative positions with both Clark County and the City of Vancouver and was a congressional staffer.



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Sharon K. Lien hired as VP at Bank of Clark County



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Sharon K. Lien has been appointed a vice president and business relationship officer with the business banking team at Bank of Clark County, reports chairman **Mike Worthy**.

Lien has over 30 years' experience in banking and most recently was vice president and regional team manager for a local bank.

A Clark County resident the past 33 years, Lien is a member of the Woodland Rotary, Woodland Chamber of Commerce, Ridgefield Business Association and the Friends of the La Center Museum.

WorkSource Development Council's work earns Governor's Best Practice Award

A model public-private partnership linking local employment opportunities with skills of people with disabilities is one of six projects statewide to receive a 2007 Governor's Best Practice Award.

The partnership consists of the Southwest Washington Workforce Council, Washington Employment Security Department, Columbia River Mental Health, the state department of social and health services, and other community partners.

In 2003 WorkSource served only 103 persons with disabilities, placing 38 percent of them in jobs. In the most recent year, WorkSource served 575 individuals with disabilities, placing 77 per cent in jobs.

Late fall storm floods county

The Sunday-Monday storm that hit Oregon and Washington has produced exceptional amounts of rain and has caused flooding in several parts of Clark County.

Gov. **Chris Gregoire** declared a state of emergency throughout the state Monday. Sand-bagging crews were accompanied by American Red Cross workers in Ridgefield.

So far no reported injuries or fatalities have been the result of the severe weather.

Don Stewart's artwork on display at WSU Vancouver

A collection of art by the late Donald J. Stewart, noted community leader and philanthropist, will be on display in Washington State University Vancouver Administration Building gallery from today through Friday, Jan. 25. A reception is planned from 3 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Administration Building gallery.

Donald J. Stewart was born on July 31, 1895, in the Palouse area of eastern Washington. Stewart retired in 1967 after 45 years as an architect in Vancouver. During his retirement, he began painting scenes at Heathergate Garden, the grounds around his remodeled farmhouse in northern Vancouver. "These pieces were meant to express the instantaneous flash of visual and spirit inspirations that come and go so rapidly," said Stewart. "These drawings are simple expressions of the spirit of the garden to pass on to future generations." It is fitting that his work focuses on the beauty of the natural landscape of Southwest Washington since he donated 12 acres of land on the Burnt Bridge Creek for use as a conservancy. It was Stewart and his wife Betty's hope that this

property could be saved from urban development and preserved as a natural arboretum and wildlife refuge. The Stewarts' donation was a catalyst for moving the green belt idea forward which ultimately led to the creation of a 100-acre park now named "Stewart Glen," encompassing Burnt Bridge Creek.

WSU Vancouver galleries are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Entry to this campus exhibit is free.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meeting in workshop session at 4 p.m. today and will hear from the American Institute of Architects a discussion about a possible streetcar system for Vancouver. The council will also hear an update on the waterfront project west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay on the former Boise Cascade property.

◁> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet in regular session at 4 p.m. today. ◁> The Vancouver city council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening and will consider an interlocal agreement with Clark County that would provide a rough timetable for city annexations that would double the size of Vancouver over the next 20 years. ◁> Clark County Communicators meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Azteca Restaurant, 4708 B NE Thurston Way. ◁> The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council (Live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Cooking With Class—4 p.m. FVTV

Portland Blazers at Memphis (live)—5 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL

Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV

Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission—(11/7)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Darby Bacon making a great save. ◁> **George Laing** the first to call. ◁> **Rick Dyer** the first to email. ◁> **Colin Dunn** right on time. ◁> **Robin Jobe** explaining elves. ◁> **Greg** and **Carol Flakus** catching up on California culture. ◁> **Monday**, rainy and windy, 45. **Tuesday**, rainy and windy, 50. **Wednesday**, rainy, 41.